

Free/Affordable Health Care

Boston HealthNet and Cambridge/Somerville Network Health

Individuals and families meeting income guidelines receive free or low cost hospitalization, doctor's visits, mental health, prescription medicines & clinical tests.
800-462-6381/Boston
888-257-1985/Cambridge, Somerville

CommonHealth

Health insurance for working disabled adults and children under 18
800-662-9996
800-608-3300 (TTY)

Free Care at Hospitals

Program that offers free care at hospitals to eligible people; for more information call your local hospital or Health Care for All at 800-272-4232; all immigrants eligible, regardless of status.

Free Prescription Drug Program

National program that provides free prescription drugs to income eligible consumers through their doctors who order directly from pharmaceutical company; call Health Care for All for information at 800-272-4232

Health Care for All – Health Helpline

Information, referral, and advocacy for health care. Health Care For All is dedicated to making adequate and affordable health care accessible to everyone, regardless of income, social or economic status. Their goal is to empower consumers in Massachusetts to know more about the health care system and become involved in changing it.
617-350-7279
800-272-4232
www.hcfama.org

Healthy Start

Insurance for eligible pregnant women and referrals to health care and other services; provides one pediatric exam for newborn baby; all immigrants eligible
800-531-2229/Greater Boston
800-531-2229/Central MA
800-992-6111/Western MA
800-992-1895/Northeastern MA
800-642-4250/Southeastern MA

MassHealth (formerly called Medicaid)

Health insurance for eligible families; transportation program for clients receiving MassHealth care services
800-841-2900
800-497-4648 (TTY)
www.state.ma.us/dma

MassHealth Family Assistance

Coverage to children who cannot get MassHealth Standard or MassHealth CommonHealth
800-841-2900

Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers

Referrals to local health centers and information about free or reduced-cost health care; open to all immigrants 800-475-8455

Medical Security Plan

Program that provides health insurance to individuals and their families who receive unemployment benefits
800-914-4455

Pharmacy Program

Program for prescription drugs for eligible low-income seniors age 65 and over and eligible disabled persons
800-953-3305

Pharmacy Plus

For low-income seniors and disabled persons who have no pharmacy coverage, have exhausted other drug benefits, are not receiving MassHealth and have excessive drug costs
800-243-4636

Addiction

Al-Anon

Support for family members affected by alcoholism or other substance abuse
781-843-5300

Mass. Substance Abuse Info & Education Helpline

Referrals to substance abuse treatment services
800-327-5050 (24 hr) 617-354-0997 (TTY)

Smokers Quitline

Counseling & referrals to smoking cessation programs
800-TRY-TO-STOP (24 hr)

800-TDD-1477 (TDD)

Reproduction/Parenting

Boston Center for Reproductive Health

617-983-3173

Depression After Delivery

Information for new parents & referrals support groups
800-944-4PPD (24 hr)

La Leche League

Telephone counseling on breastfeeding, new mothers' groups, and information on breast pump rentals & sales 800-LA-LECHE

Massachusetts Family Planning Program

Referrals to family planning clinics, and information about birth control and reproductive health services
617-624-6060

Nursing Mothers' Council

Breastfeeding counseling; breastfeeding pumps
617-244-5102

Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts

Counseling and referral service; confidential pregnancy testing; reproductive health services
800-682-9218/Boston
800-642-5665/Springfield
800-539-2378/Worcester

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)

Food for eligible pregnant women and children under 5 and information on nutrition, breastfeeding, child health and development, and parenting
800-WIC-1007

Mental Health

Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

Emergency evaluations and treatment for persons having a mental health crisis
800-221-0053

Massachusetts Psychiatric Society

Referrals to mental health providers
800-831-3134

National Mental Health Association

Referrals to mental health providers and information

Advocacy

Health Law Advocates, Inc.

Statewide consumer advocacy organization promoting health care for every person in Massachusetts
617-338-5241

Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General

Insurance Hotline
617-727-2200 ext. 3460/Boston
617-727-0434 (TDD)
413-784-1240/Springfield
www.ago.state.ma.us/hcdefault.asp

Massachusetts Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman

800-436-7757

Massachusetts Division of Insurance

Consumer Help Line
617-521-7777/Boston
617-521-7490 (TDD)

For MEDICARE issues contact:

Mass Pro

800-252-5533/Waltham

Greater Boston Medicare Advocacy Project

617-371-1234 ext. 400/Boston
800-323-3205

U.S. Health Care Financing Administration

617-565-1232

For MEDICAID (MassHealth) issues contact:

Massachusetts Division of Medical Assistance

Customer Service Line
800-841-2900 (in Massachusetts)
617-422-5870 (outside Massachusetts)

State Agencies

Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

617-727-7600/Boston
www.state.ma.us/eohhs

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

617-624-6000/Boston

www.state.ma.us/dph

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Women's Health Network Resources

Extensive resources on women's health

www.state.ma.us/dph/whn/resource.htm

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Massachusetts Women's Health Network

Provides free breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services, and health education services to low income, uninsured women
877-414-4447 (English, Spanish, Portuguese)
617-624-5492 (TTY)
www.state.ma.us/dph/whn/whn.htm

Federal Information Center

Information about federal agencies and programs
800-688-9889

Citizen Information Line

Information about state agencies and programs
800-392-6090

State Representative and Senators

617-722-2000/State House



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